

REMARKS

Main claim 19 has been amended to emphasize that the housing is supported on a planar support surface at three individual contact zones spaced apart from each other. More specifically, the two side edges 37a, b of the annular resilient member 30 constitute a pair of front contact zones, and the bottom edge of the resilient member 40 constitutes the third contact zone. This arrangement of multiple contact zones enables the housing to be supported without tilting.

U.S. Patent No. 5,828,052 to Reynolds discloses an upper rounded bumper 66 and a lower rounded bumper 34'. If Reynold's housing were placed on a planar surface with both their forward curved edges touching the planar surface, then the housing would roll over. Indeed, Reynolds teaches the use of a support cradle 82 (Fig. 13) or a support fixture 90 (Fig. 14) to support the housing when it is not being held in an operator's hand.

U.S. Patent No. 6,036,096 to Evers teaches a front contact zone 28a (see Fig. 5) and a rear contact zone 74 for supporting the housing 10.

Even if Evers and Reynolds were combined as proposed by the Examiner, there still is no teaching of a pair of front contact zones spaced apart from one another. These front zones are constituted by the side edges 37a, b which extend further from the window than the upper and lower edges of the first annular member. As the Examiner acknowledged, neither Evers, nor Reynolds, discloses any such forwardly extending side edges and certainly none which individually form a pair of spaced-apart contact zones.

Reconsideration of the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,123,265 to Schlieffers is respectfully requested. Here again, Schlieffers discloses an upper bumper 30 and a

lower bumper 32. There is no third contact zone. There are no forwardly extending side edges spaced apart from one another to form a pair of front contact zones.

Allowance of claims 19-25 is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

KIRSCHSTEIN, OTTINGER, ISRAEL & SCHIFFMILLER, P.C.

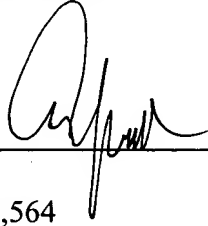
Attorneys for Applicant(s)

489 Fifth Avenue

New York, New York 10017-6105

Tel: (212) 697-3750

Fax: (212) 949-1690

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Israel', is written over a horizontal line.

Alan Israel

Reg. No. 27,564